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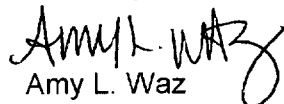Winter Park, FL 32792
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Dear Commissioner:

I am writing to you because it has recently come to my attention that there is no law governing or protecting "downed" animals. Although most people can probably over-look and ignore this issue, I cannot; and I find it to be highly offensive.

I,like many others always thought that "meat was meat". It wasn't until last year I actually saw live footage on what really happens to these innocent, terrified creatures. It's bad enough they are on their way to the slaughter house, but it's even worse to see these animals live their last hours (sometimes even days) in such pain and misery. These animals are so sick from improper care and treatment that they literally cannot even stand on their own legs. For most, their pelvis's are broken. Can you imagine being forced to stand and walk when your legs and pelvis are broken? The ranchers do this by beating them and also by electrocuting their testicles. Furthermore, after they get "kicks" from seeing the animals scream in pain;,they either dump them in the lakes to drown or they drag them by chains behind their truck. I am saddened by these horrible details and this must stop!
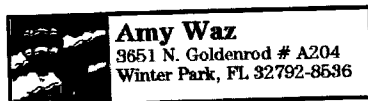
Mr. Commissioner, won't you please see to it that no other animals are tortured and killed at the hands of the ranchers? Animals have just as much right to live in dignity and die in dignity as us humans do. They are not inferior to us, just different. I can be reached at the above address and telephone number. If there is anything I can do to help render your decision, please feel free to let me know. Thank You and have a nice day.
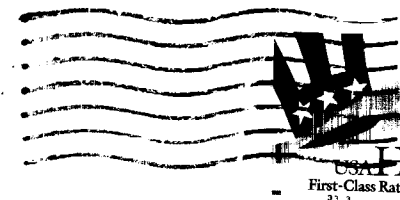
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